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1. DEPT PREPARED TO RECEIVE SOVDEL DURING SECOND HALF OCTOBER BUT WOULD RECOMMEND AT LEAST TWO WEEK STAY, PARTICULARLY IF SOVDEL WISHES VISIT CALIFORNIA.

2. SOVIET INTERESTS AS EXPRESSED REFTEL CAN BE ACCOMMODATED. HOWEVER, PROPOSED DELEGATION WOULD BE LATEST IN LONG SERIES OF SOVIET DELEGATIONS INTERESTED PRIMARILY IN COMPUTER AND OTHER HIGH TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS IN LIBRARY WORK AND INFORMATION RETRIEVAL. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM MINCULT, (AS SUGGESTED REFTEL B) THAT WE WISH TO BROADEN SCOPE OF DELEGATION'S PROGRAM IN US AND HOPE THEY CAN INCLUDE SOMEONE ON DELEGATION WHO COULD DISCUSS LONG-RANGE EXCHANGES BETWEEN LIBRARIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. FYI- A CONFERENCE FOR US LIBRARIANS PRACTICING IN THE

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SEPTEMBER 12-13 TO EXAMINE PROBLEMS AND DEVELOP COORDINATED
APPROACH TO DEALING WITH THEM ON NATIONAL LEVEL. SUBJECT
OF ACQUISITION OF SOVIET LIBRARY MATERIALS WILL ALSO BE
DISCUSSED AT AAASS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA OCTOBER 8-
11. WE WOULD THEREFORE PREFER THAT SOVDEL ARRIVE AFTER
BOTH THESE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD AND US LIBRARIANS
HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DETERMINE THEIR NEEDS WHICH WE
WOULD PLAN TO DISCUSS WITH SOVDEL AND FOLLOW UP WITH
RETURN VISIT TO USSR. WE BELIEVE THIS IS NEW AREA OF
EXCHANGES WHICH WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE IN POST-CSCE
PERIOD. END FYI. KISSINGER

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